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System With Compact  
Storage of the Tray ✓  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, and the continuing duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Applicants wish to call to the Examiner's attention the documents identified as A1-A3, B1-B3, and C1 on the attached Form PTO-1449. The documents may be considered relevant to the examination of the above identified patent application.

As required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as presently understood, the reference BE 462,171 discloses a wall mounted, fold out drying rack having vertical storage guides. English language translations of the two cited German documents are provided herewith and explain their disclosures, as best presently understood. A copy of each listed document is enclosed herewith.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after receipt of a Final rejection. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(1) and (e)(1), each item of information cited herein was first cited in a communication from a foreign (EPO) patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this paper, and, consequently, should be considered by the Patent Office.

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